



Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter October 14, 2018

Dear Awesome High School Soccer Referees,

Here are a few notes/announcements for everybody.

- Congratulations to our **2018 COSOA Representatives to the State Soccer Finals** on November 10th.
 - **Nathaniel Collins & Mike Prochaska**
 - Mehdi Salari will serve as our Alternate.
 - Thank you everybody for casting your votes.

- Reminders from our October 10th Meeting:
 - Addressing the **Importance of Player Safety**:
 - § Better to have more **CONTROL & GAME MANAGEMENT** than not enough
 - § **CALL FOULS** and **SET PRECEDENT EARLY**. Do not allow the pushing in the back, bumping to opponent after the ball has left, lowering your shoulder into opponent to knock them down, grabbing the opponent's shirt or shorts, bumping into the Keeper, sliding into opponent with cleats exposed/up ...
 - § Be **CLOSE ENOUGH TO PLAY** and have the **PROPER ANGLE** to see these challenges and tackles as they happen. You have to hustle and run!
 - § **REMEMBERING** a players' first foul, **TALKING PUBLICLY** with that player on their second hard foul, and **CAUTIONING** that same player when they are exhibiting a pattern of play that isn't safe for the other participants in the match.
 - § **RECOGNIZING** that there are at least one (sometimes more) player on every team that tackles much harder, rougher and more carelessly than others. The great Referees can identify that player early in the match and make sure they're close to play when those players are involved.
 - Addressing the **Importance of Referee Safety** and Sanity :-)
 - § If Coaches/Parents/Fans are showing a pattern of verbal abuse directed at the Officials, you should stop the game and ask the AD or Site Administrator to help you address the individual causing the problems.
 - § OSAA Policy is for Referees to grab their gear after the game and leave.
 - § Ask the AD or Site Administrator before the game to meet you at your bag 5 minutes before the conclusion of the match to walk off the field with you.
 - § Referees should not stay after a game to explain a call or have conversations with Parents/Coaches/etc. It rarely ends in our favor.

§ OSAA Policy is that Referees do not discuss judgment calls or play rulings. Parents/Coaches/Fans ... need to direct their concerns/comments to their school Athletic Director, who in turn will contact the Referee Association/Commissioner.

§ Park your car in a place in a place and manner that you can leave the facility easily, and without running into too many players, parents or spectators.

§ Do not change or hang around your car too long after a game ... leave the facility.

· Keep an eye on the our current list of nominees for the Gregory Scott Rivers Sportsmanship Scholarship. If you encounter other deserving seniors, please grab their name/some information and feel free to nominate them at our next meeting. Our current nominees are:

- Josh Bruce (#4) from Central Christian
- Emma Hehn (#12) from Crook County
- Isaac Grusy (#4) from Ridgeview
- Alexa Martin (#12) from Redmond

· I sent out an email a few days ago with the dates of upcoming Playoff Games. Please make sure you have updated your Availability on Oregon Soccer Central through those dates.

· Remember that we are a CREW and a TEAM. If one referee sees something important and relevant, they need to relay that information to the rest of the crew. We all need to pay attention to our Assistant Referees and make sure we're gathering all the information they are presenting to us. Four or six eyes and ears and a lot better than just two.

See you all at our October 24th (last) Referee Meeting.

Mehdi

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- - - UPCOMING EVENTS - - -
Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WHAT'S HAPPENING	AGENDA	NOTES
Oct. 24, 2018	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	St. Charles Medical Center (Bend) East Dining Room	6 th General Training Meeting	Training: TBA	